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a higher level, and, for a furlong distance on either side of it, the road required to be completely repaired. That portion would be under water for two or three months in the year. He therefore prayed that the road should be made cartable.

The Member said that there were formerly bridges across the Vallayil thodu and the Maranveettil thodu. They were no longer in existence now, and without them the people generally, and the school boys in particular, underwent much difficulty during the monsoons, as the current there would then be very strong. He requested that a bridge should be constructed over each of the two canals.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

84. The desirability of the Government maintaining certain irrigation canals in the Vaikom taluk.

Mr. P. C. Krishna Pillai (Member, Vaikom taluk) said that the wet lands in the eastern *pakuthies* of the Vaikom taluk used to yield unfailing crops till the construction of the Valianapuzha bund. Since then, during the monsoons, the water always rushed down the Minachil and the Moovattupuzha rivers, and finding no proper out-let into the Vembanad lake, flooded those wet lands, and the whole cultivation therefore failed. In 1087 the loss thus caused was roughly estimated at 5 lakhs of rupees in both the crops together. He therefore requested that the Vallayil thodu, Anchumana thodu and the Kaniyan thodu should be deepened and widened so as to help the easy flow of the monsoon floods. He further prayed that, as in South Travancore, a remission of the land-tax might be allowed whenever the crops failed by submergence in floods.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

85. The need for the opening of a canal from the Vempalli thodu.

Mr. Parameswaren Pillai (Member, Ettumanur taluk) narrated the difficulties of the ryots for want of facilities for *punja* cultivation. A small stream called Vempalli thodu flowing into the Minachil river destroyed the crops over 1,500 acres of paddy fields every year on both sides of it by unusual floods; at the same time, want of sufficient water was being felt by the people of the western *pakuthies* of the taluk. The Member therefore prayed that a canal might be opened from the Vempalli thodu in a westerly direction, through Kanakari *chira*, for about three-quarters of a mile in length, and he said that it would meet the difficulties complained of completely.

The Member then presented a memorial signed by the inhabitants of the Ettumanur taluk and of the Vaikom and Vetchur proverthies in the Vaikom taluk containing the above request.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

86. The need or repairing and maintaining certain roads in the Ettumanur taluk.

Mr. Parameswaren Pillai (Member, Ettumanur taluk) said that cartable roads were very rare in the taluk and he requested that the following village roads be repaired and maintained by the Government :—

(1) the road, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long, constructed by the inhabitants, branching off between the 1st and 2nd milestones on

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